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CLASH WITH NEGRO HAS FATAL ENDING IN RANDOLPH

One White Man Dead and Two Others Seriously Wounded

WEDOWEE, ALA., March 25.—Walter Foster is dead and two companions named Neil and Brock are seriously wounded as a result of a clash with negroes near Foster's bridge in the northeastern portion of Randolph county according to reports received here. Horace Jenkins, negro, under arrest, is said to have told officers that a shooting took place between three men and three negroes. Raymond Fuller, who lives near the scene, brought Jenkins and two other negroes to jail here. It is feared both the injured men will die.

MOTHER ASKS VENGEANCE ON WILLIAM SINNREICH'S SLAYER

Sheriff's Men Think Hubbard Julius, Alias Jim Dorsey, Negro, Suspected Killer, in Cincinnati, but Continue to Search Countryside; "Most Brutal Crime in Recollection," Says Coroner; McCord Ready to Convene Grand Jury



Above: Truck upon which mangled body of William Sinnreich is believed to have been concealed after the murder. The disarranged bottles at the rear contained blood when the truck was inspected.

Inset: William Aaron Sinnreich, whose murder is termed the most heinous here in years. He helped to support his widowed mother.

—Photo by Sexton's Studio.

While a son-bereft mother, who is also a widow, refused Monday night to be comforted in her grief and cried out for vengeance upon the murderer of her son, Sheriff's Deputy Addey Mosely expressed the opinion Wednesday night that Sinnreich met his death between forces were conducting a search that extended from the county jail, through-out surrounding territory, to Cincinnati for the principal in the most brutal killing Montgomery has known in years.

Young Sinnreich, who is an independent dealer in carbonated beverages maintaining a trading connection with the Capital City Bottling Co., of Montgomery, was found at 6 o'clock Wednesday dead and mangled beneath a heap of brush which had been soaked with gasoline and fired, a short distance off the Ware's Ferry road a few feet beyond the Seaboard Air Line tracks, where rails and highway cross several miles from Montgomery.

Hubbard Julius alias Jim Dorsey, negro helper who accompanied Sinnreich on his trip to Tuskegee when the latter left Montgomery with a load Tuesday morning, is believed to be the murderer and it is for him that Sheriff Robert C. Phelps and his deputies hunted all day Wednesday and were still hunting Wednesday night.

Rumors came to the county jail all day that the negro, who has been working under the name of Dorsey in Montgomery was seen here and there in all parts of the city. An Advertiser reporter secured the information that a negro who filled the description of Dorsey bought a ticket for Cincinnati Wednesday morning and left on the Pan American which left at 4:23 a. m.

A telegram to the chief of police in Cincinnati was promptly dispatched by Chief Deputy John Scogin, directing that the Pan American be searched for Julius alias Dorsey, whose description was furnished.

Governor W. W. Brandon, when formed of the tragedy Wednesday morning, immediately issued no that a reward of \$200 would be paid by the state for the arrest and conviction of Sinnreich's murderer.

Method Unknown
The manner of Sinnreich's murder is still a matter of conjecture as is the time it occurred, although it is all but established that it took place some time during the early part of Tuesday night.

A negro found the body early Wednesday morning. A white man with whom he communicated, telephoned the discovery to the county jail. Investigators came upon a corpse drawn into curious shape by the fire the murderer had kindled. There was evidence of a blow over the left eye and the flesh in one arm and the abdomen had been torn as if by dogs.

The truck on which Sinnreich had left Montgomery with Dorsey Tuesday morning was found about a mile distant in the yard of a negro woman who described Dorsey as the negro who brought it there early in the night. When the truck was examined, the empty bottles on the top rack were found to be blood stained and when one of them was turned neck downwards, drops of blood escaped to the ground. A cushion which had been used in the truck as a back rest was found in ashes and charred fragments around the body of Sinnreich.

After a whole day spent in investigation of all phases of the murder, Sheriff's Deputy Addey Mosely expressed the opinion Wednesday night that Sinnreich met his death between Mt. Meigs and Mt. Meigs station. These points are separated by a distance of about three miles. It was established by the sheriff's investigation that Sinnreich and his helper, ostensibly returning from Tuskegee with a truck of empties, were seen to pass through Mt. Meigs before the murder. The murdered man is a son of Mrs. Sarah Sinnreich, the widow of Aaron Sinnreich, and resided with her at 112 1-2 Monroe street. He leaves two sisters, Misses Mary Sinnreich and Eva Sinnreich, who live with their mother, and a third, Mrs. Sol Barton, who lives in Selma. There is a brother, Leon Sinnreich, living at the family home, and employed at Nathan Kahn Dry Goods company. The latter was visiting his sister in Selma. When the news of the murder reached them, both hastened to Montgomery. The dead son helped his brother support their mother.

The stricken mother was in a low state of grief Wednesday. The daughters, also stricken, sought to display a brave front and to comfort their mother. Funeral services will be conducted from Leak's Chapel at 11 o'clock Thursday morning by the Rev. Alex Weisell and burial will follow in Greenwood cemetery.

Will Call Grand Jury

The county grand jury, which met in July was not discharged and is still in recess. Judge Leon McCord, of the circuit court, said on Wednesday that the grand jury will be called into session if this seems necessary as the result of an arrest in the Sinnreich murder.

"We have the legal machinery all ready for a trial without unnecessary delay," said Judge McCord, "and without any additional expense to the county. If it appears that the grand jury should be called in session, the July grand jury will be recalled as that body is nominally in recess."

NEGRO WANTED AS SINREICH'S SLAYER IS UNDER ARREST

Jim Dorsey Captured in Birmingham After Four Months Hunt by Sheriff's Office; to be Returned Sunday

NEGRO ADMITS IDENTITY
ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS

Dorsey Reported to Claim He and Sinreich Held Up by Two White Men

Hubbard Julius, alias Jim Dorsey, negro and alleged slayer of William A. Sinreich, salesman of the Capital City Bottling company, was arrested Saturday morning at 8 o'clock in Ensley and lodged in the Birmingham jail, according to a message received by Sheriff R. C. Phelps during the afternoon.

Following his arrest identification of Julius was established by a fingerprint examination by the Birmingham Bureau of Identification according to Chief of Police F. H. McDuff, of that city.

The negro then admitted that his former names were Dorsey and Julius, and that he was with Sinreich the night of August 12, whose mangled body and truck were discovered next day six miles from Montgomery on the Ware's Ferry road, Chief McDuff stated. In Birmingham he was known as Eddie Wilson.

According to the story of Julius he and Sinreich were returning to Montgomery from Tuskegee on the truck, when they were held up at the point of revolvers by two white men, who suddenly confronted them in the road. The men then slew Sinreich, and threatened the negro's life if he ever returned to Montgomery, Julius told Chief McDuff.

Return Negro Sunday
Sheriff R. C. Phelps and Deputy Sheriff Tucker left Montgomery Saturday night for Birmingham and will return with Julius Sunday morning. The negro was indicted on a charge of murder by the grand jury for the past term of court.

Rewards for Julius total \$400, half of this amount being offered by the state upon his conviction, and the other half by citizens of Montgomery payable upon his arrest.

Julius was arrested in Ensley where

he was employed by a transfer company at 9:20 o'clock p. m. bound for Montgomery, by Detectives Tyler and Murphy, gomery. Mr. Whitaker was a con- The negro had been in the employ of instruction foreman for the Central of the transfer company about a month, Georgia railroad company and was em- it was stated, and was apprehended while driving a truck for the company, work of placing the big railroad fill. The murder of Sinreich was then near here. 10-6-24

most atrocious crime that has stirred Before going to work for the rail- Montgomery in many years, according road company some time ago, he made to Coroner John J. Diffly. his living farming. The fatal stabbing which occurred in the city of Opelika, on the morning of August 13 in as said to have resulted from an al- clump of pines a short distance from tercation between the two men. In ad- the Ware's Ferry road. It was drawn dition to his wife, the deceased is sur- into a curious shape, having been vived by a son and two daughters.

oiled and a fire kindled about it. There was evidence of a blow over the left eye, and the flesh of one arm and the abdomen was torn. After keeping a sharp lookout for Ed Dallas, alleged slayer of Jess Whitaker, during the night, Montgomery police were notified early Sunday morning that he had been captured by Lee county authorities.

Extensive Search Made
The truck was found about a mile from the scene in the yard of a negro woman, who described Julius as the negro that left it there. Empty bottles on the rack of the truck in which drops of blood were found, led officers to believe that the body was hauled some distance before it was disposed of.

A search for Julius who was employed as a substitute helper for that day on the truck, was immediately begun, but the negro had evidently made a clean get-away. Approximately six hours had elapsed from the time Sinreich was murdered until the body was discovered.

Sheriff Phelps broadcasted fingerprints, photos and descriptions of the negro throughout the United States. The negro had previously served a sentence of three years for burglary in Alabama.

Several hundred dollars have been expended by the local sheriff's office to apprehend Julius, and the reports of his capture have come in from far and near. Recently Sheriff Phelps, after receiving a letter from a negro preacher in Birmingham that Dorsey, or Julius, had been spotted, went to that city with several officers and lay in wait for him for two days. The negro however, did not appear, and the officers were forced to return empty-handed.

It is the theory of members of the sheriff's force that Sinreich was slain on the Mt. Meigs road near Paschaell gravel pit, two miles from the spot where the body was discovered.

Sinreich was 27 years old, and with the aid of a younger brother, was the sole support of a widowed mother.

**JESS WHITAKER
KILLED IN OPELIKA**
Negro Slayer Escapes; Reported Bound for Montgomery; Slashes and Stabs

Return Negro Sunday
The Advertiser-Jess Whitaker, prominent resident of Lee county was stabbed to death here at about seven o'clock Sunday night by Ed Dallas, negro. The negro first slashed Mr. Whitaker on the chest and then stabbed him under the left arm. Mr. Whitaker died from the effect of the wound an hour later.

Ed Dallas, the alleged slayer, is reported to have boarded Western of Alabama train No. 37 as it left here

SLAYING OF TALLADEGA FARMER LAID TO NEGRO

Luke Ware Captured After All Night Hunt.

TALLADEGA, ALA., Dec. 8.—W. D. Smalley, a farmer, was shot and instantly killed last night by Luke Ware, negro, according to the sheriff's office here. The killing was said to have occurred on the Clay county road about ten miles from this place. Ware was captured after an all night hunt and placed in jail. 12-9-24

Mr. Smalley was a member of the firm of Banks and Smalley, among the largest planters in Talladega county. The cause of the killing had not been determined.

NEGRO HELD FOR MURDER

Sam Phillips In Jail For Slaying Colored Opponent.

ANNISTON, ALA., Oct. 7.—Sam Phillips, negro, was in jail here today following his surrender to officers who have sought him since Sunday night for the alleged slaying of the Robert Phillips, another negro.

The negroes quarreled over a woman preceding the shooting, officers say. The negro, Mahalia Bush, is held in connection with the case. Sam Phillips will make a plea of self-defense it is said.

DEFENDS NEGRO CHARACTER

James Hodgson Says Slain Black Was Not Quarrelsome

James Hodgson, of the contracting firm of Hodgson and Jones, on Wednesday took exception to the report that Tavey White, the negro shot and killed by Gus Billard on the mobile road the previous day, was a desperate character known to the sheriff's officers. Mr. Hodgson said that White came to Montgomery from Troy and bore a good reputation there. He had employed the negro in road work and found him a good workman and not quarrelsome.

WHITE MAN IN CUSTODY FOLLOWING NEGRO'S DEATH

Charred Remains Of Black Found Near Rhodes' Sawmill.

TROY, ALA., Dec. 1.—Special to The Advertiser.—Margy Smith, a white woman, was brought to the jail for safe keeping. He is charged with complicity in the murder of a negro, Will Wells. The dead body of the negro was found near Rhodes sawmill, where both men were employed, late Saturday night. A bad wound was shown on the front part of the skull and from the waist down the body was in a charred condition, indicating that the murderers tried to cover up the crime by burning the body.

Smith, when interviewed, stated that he left the mill early Saturday night and knew nothing of the murder. He said a large crowd of white and negro men gathered at the mill that night to drink and gamble. Tom Fowler, white, was also arrested in Elba charged with the crime.

KILLED OLD NEGRO.

Early Hale Discharges Other Barrel, Tearing Away Own Head.

SHEFFIELD, Ala., Nov. 12.—Swift justice overtook Early Hale, a young white man, 28 years of age, of Lauderdale County, Tuesday morning just as he was completing his gruesome task of murdering Rev. Williams, an aged negro farm hand. Hale, who was said to have been drinking for several days, entered a field where the negro man was working and shot him, the lead from a double barrel shotgun striking Williams in the shoulder, but not fatally injuring him. The old man ran from Hale, who followed and after overtaking the injured man proceeded to beat him over the head with the butt end of the gun. The other barrel of the gun was discharged by the impact, tearing away one side of Hale's head, but the blow on the head also killed the old negro, both men being dead when reached by other workers in the fields nearby. Sheriff Morrison, of Lauderdale County, who investigated the double tragedy, stated that there had been no previous trouble between the two men, and it is thought that the affair was the result of a drink crazed brain. Hale was not married, and resided with his father near the scene of the tragedy.

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NEGRO U. S. AGENT HELD FOR KILLING

Third Trouble for "Cyclops," Attache of District Attorney's Office at Mobile

MOBILE, ALA., Jan. 7.—Special by Leased Wire to The Advertiser.—Syvester Powell, a seven-foot, powerful negro with one eye and for that reason bearing the sobriquet of "Cyclops," who is believed to be a "stool-pigeon" attache of the federal district attorney's office here, was arrested by the city police this afternoon on the charge of killing another negro, Jesse Nettles.

"Cyclops" is alleged to have shot Nettles in the left side while both negroes were on the corner of Knx and Joachim streets, in the northern part of the city. Nettles died in the city hospital this afternoon and Powell was then indicted on a charge of murder.

Powell has been in trouble twice before, it is stated on account of his activities as an attache of the office of the United States district attorney here. The first time he was arrested on a charge of carrying a weapon concealed. The police state that on the application of District Attorney Boyles this charge was dropped and the then chief of police, P. J. O'Shaughnessy, obtained a permit for the negro to carry a gun, it being understood that he was in the employ of the government connecting evidence in prohibition cases.

Later, a couple of white women complained that the negro had followed and annoyed them and a scene was created on the streets when the white women asked the protection of passers-by against the attentions of the negro. Due to a threat of lynching, the negro was taken to the police station. He claimed that the two women were violating the prohibition law, it is understood that this case is still to come to trial, unless the United States authorities here have disposed of it in the local court.

There is a good deal of feeling throughout the city tonight because of the reported employment of the negro as a federal agent attache "stool-pigeon," or whatever capacity he holds in the service and it is recalled that another agent of the district attorney's office, Harry French, was recently tried here on several charges, including the killing of a white man during what is alleged to have been a narcotic raid at a house on Conti street.

Harry French is said to be a witness in many of prohibition cases in the federal court arising from the sensational raids here in November, and in the statements issued by the present sheriff of Mobile county, Paul Gazalas, and ex-sheriff, W. H. Holcombs, it is charged that French was the "go-between" for the district attorney in the collection of "graft" paid by liquor sellers.

White Officer Placed in Jail for Ala. Murder

Florence, Ala., Jan. 4.—After about three weeks of deliberation and attempts to evade carrying out the law the officials of Colbert county have arrested Calvin Highfield, a traffic officer of Tusculuma, and lodged him in the county jail to await the April term of court for trial in connection with the slaying of John Swain on Nov. 21. Swain was shot down in cold blood while he was walking from the theater with two girls. At once suspicion was directed at Highfield and he was openly accused by persons who were eye-witnesses to the crime, but no attempt was made to arrest the traffic officer.

It was such an evident attempt to whitewash the investigation that even the Ku Klux Klan offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. Although Highfield was given an opportunity to escape, he was so sure that he would never be called to account for the shooting that he did not even attempt to cover his actions or produce an alibi.

He is now being held without bail.

LON POWER HELD FOR NEGRO KILLING

Another Negro Accuses White Man of Having Planned Death of Carlisle

LAFAYETTE, ALA., Jan. 17.—Special to The Advertiser.—In connection with the murder at White Plains of Ed Carlisle, negro, last Sunday, Aaron Bailey another colored man, was arrested on suspicion of having planned the murder.

On Wednesday Sheriff R. G. Simpson arrested Leon Power of Penton, and placed him in the county jail at La Fayette. He is the man Bailey accuses of planning the murder. Outside of the claim of Bailey it is not known at present what evidence the sheriff has against Power.

Bailey was arrested last summer accused of selling whiskey and he thought Carlisle was the one who reported him.

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CLIO BARBER DEAD; NEGRO SLAYER SHOT

Law Enforcement Officer Gets Bullet in Leg During Gun Fight With Negro

Deputy State Law Enforcement Officer H. C. Thompson was shot and painfully injured, another white man named Phillips, a barber by trade, was killed outright, and a negro man was also slain in a shooting affray which resulted when Mr. Thompson and Wheeler Arrington, chief of police of Clio, raided an alleged negro gambling resort and dance hall on the outskirts of Clio, Saturday night. A full report of the affair was received by Chief Walter K. McAdory, of the state law enforcement department, Monday, from Mr. Thompson. According to the report, the white man killed was a bystander who had been attracted to the spot by the firing.

The chief of police of Clio and Mr. Thompson, at about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night, answered a call to the outskirts of the town of Clio, where it was stated a number of negroes were engaging in a free for all fight. Arrived at the premises, the officers, it is stated, proceeded to the rear of the main building and to a smoke-house, where it appeared the fight was going on. When they attempted to enter this building, the report states, a negro named Henry Dickerson, proprietor of the place, suddenly threw the door wide open and began shooting.

Some eight or ten shots were exchanged between the negro and the officers. Mr. Thompson receiving a painful bullet wound in the thigh, just below the groin. When the smoke cleared away, it was found that Mr. Phillips, a bystander who had been watching the progress of the raid, attracted by the sound of pistol shots while on his way home after closing his place of business for the night, had been killed, also that a negro man, whose name was not given in the report, was dead.

Mr. Thompson, whose home is at Clio was reported to be painfully but not seriously injured, and it was expected he would be able to resume his duties in about two weeks. An investigation of the affair was to have taken place before the coroner at Clayton, on Monday.

DICKERSON KILLED BY OFFICERS.

CLIO, ALA., Feb. 25.—Leman Phillips, 34, ex-service man and Henry Dickerson, negro, were killed here Saturday night in a gun-battle when officers attempted to arrest the negro. H. C. Thompson, a state law enforcement officer, was injured from a pistol wound in the leg.

According to reports from witnesses, the negro opened fire on the town marshal and the law enforcement officer, with a stray bullet striking Phillips. Dickerson was killed shortly after-

wards, when two local officers with the state man approached a "gambling" house he was operating and succeeded in shooting him after he had injured the state officer.

KILLS ONE; WOUNDS ANOTHER

Bessemer Street Car Conductor Uses A Gun In Fare Dispute

BESSEMER, ALA., May 25.—Homer Best, a street car conductor, shot and killed Arthur Jones, negro, and fatally wounded his father, Robert Jones, in an argument here today over a street car fare.

Best was placed in jail charged with the slaying.

BROTHERS IN JAIL HERE CHARGED WITH SLAYING

Gordon Fuller and Alvin Fuller Brought to Montgomery

Gordon Fuller and Alvin Fuller, brothers in custody in connection with the killing in Georgia last Sunday of Rich Lee, were brought to the Montgomery county jail to be held pending preliminary hearing, Tuesday morning by Sheriff King Murphy. No white prisoners are allowed to be detained in the Butler county jail by the state inspectors which accounts for the incarceration of the men in Montgomery.

Alvin Fuller said he did not know who shot Lee when interviewed at the jail, Tuesday night. He said Lee was intoxicated when he and his brother met him on the outskirts of Georgia. The accused man could attribute no cause for an argument but said shooting began immediately upon their appearance, in which Rich was mortally wounded.

CHARGE DEATH OF NEGRO TO OFFICER

B. W. Dukes Under Bond; Negro Was Shot During Raid on Barbecue

SELMA, ALA., June 25.—Special to The Advertiser.—Special Officer B. W. Dukes of the Southern railway is under \$1,000 bond charged with the death of Aaron Fisher, negro, who was shot and instantly killed on Monday night when officers broke up a disorderly negro barbecue out on Water street, on the complaint of white citizens.

It is alleged that Fisher, who was employed as an auto mechanic in Selma, made a movement as if to draw a weapon when the police raided the barbecue and that a large knife was found in his hand after he was shot.

Officer Dukes was arrested by Sheriff Percy Dawson and released on a bond signed by A. A. Beck, chief of the Southern railway police and Chief of Police Norman Stanfill of Selma.

NEGRO SLAIN FROM ALTERCATION WITH BENTON WHITE MEN

Lowndes County Town is Scene of Intense Excitement Saturday Night When White Men Kill Walter Snow

VICTIM ALLEGED TO HAVE FIRED FIRST UPON PARTY

Authorities of Both Lowndes and Dallas Counties are Kept in Ignorance of Shooting

BENTON, ALA., July 6.—Following an altercation precipitated by Walter Snow, negro, said to have transported road laborers from Benton to Whitehall and his subsequent refusal to divulge the names of the men he had taken away from Benton, Snow is said to have fired into a party of white men here early Saturday night and was instantly killed by the return fire.

Intense excitement was created in the town by the fusillade of shots and fear was entertained by citizens of an impending race riot. The excitement subsided when all negroes betook themselves from the district to their rural homes. Quiet did not prevail, however until nearly four hours after the fatal shooting.

Efforts on the part of newspaper correspondents to extract statements from citizens of Benton as to identity of members of the party of white men who fired at the negro were unavailing.

Rose Snow, wife of the slain negro stated to attaches of the William's Undertaking company of Selma, that her husband was accosted upon his return to Benton from Whitehall by the white men. Information was demanded as to who the negroes were, it was stated, the woman being quoted as saying that her husband replied he did not know. Upon being pressed, Walter Snow declared he would not tell, the undertaking company officials quoted his wife as saying.

Following further argument between the negro and the white men, according to the undertaking company's men, Snow drew a weapon and fired point blank at the white men, which was answered by the fusillade from the white men. Three bullets struck their mark, any one of which would have been fatal. Snow's automobile body was perforated with bullet holes.

Sheriff Percy Dawson of Dallas county, had not been notified of the

trouble at a late hour Sunday night. The shooting occurred outside his jurisdiction, however.

SHERIFF NOT NOTIFIED

HAYNEVILLE, ALA., July 6.—Sheriff Buck Meadows of Lowndes county received his first knowledge of the racial trouble at Benton which is located in Lowndes county, near the Dallas county line when interrogated concerning his investigation by an Advertiser representative. Sheriff Meadows said he would institute an investigation immediately, looking towards arriving at a solution of the trouble.

WHITE MAN SLAYS NEGRO ASSAILANT

William B. Collins Successful in Resisting Attack; Justifiable Says Coroner

Facing a crouching negro, in shadows about the rear of his home, 215 N. Jackson street, who hurled a brick that narrowly missed its mark, William B. Collins, salesman for the Alabama Power company, fired a bullet through the heart of his assailant Tuesday evening and notified the police.

Thirty minutes later, a verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by Coroner John Diffly and Captain Troy Murrell, who investigated the shooting stated that there was no doubt that the motive was self defense.

The body of the negro was taken to Loveless Undertaking company where at a late hour Tuesday evening it was awaiting identification. The negro is of a ginger cake color and appeared to be about 30 years old. His first name was said to be "Clyde."

Further evidence of the intentions of the negro were discovered by neighbors, who upon being notified by Mr. Collins after the shot was fired, found that a large iron bolt, was clutched in the negro hand.

According to the story as related to Captain Murrell, it was about 9 o'clock when Mr. Collins drove his automobile into his garage at the rear of the home, locked the door, and had reached the rear steps about ten feet distant when the negro stepped from around the corner of the house.

Three Shots Fired.

A brick whizzed by Mr. Collins and struck the steps with a force that left a deep indentation in the hard surface, the officer stated. Mr. Collins then drew a revolver which he was accustomed to carrying in his automobile and fired three times. One shot took direct entering diagonally into the right breast and ranging to the heart.

"As I entered the driveway to the garage," Mr. Collins said "in the flood of light I saw a shadowy figure flit around the corner of the house, but paid no particular attention to it until I noticed that the rear door to my home was swinging wide. That was something unusual. I drove the car into the garage, and pocketed my revolver that I usually

carry with me in my car. I had locked the door and had almost reached the steps just a few feet away when I saw the negro step around the corner.

"At that instant he hurled a brick at me which struck with a loud noise against the step, and in dodging I nearly stumbled over the steps. I snatched my revolver and fired once. That didn't stop him. I fired again. Still he advanced towards me. Then I took deliberate aim, pulled the trigger and he tumbled to the ground.

"It all happened in a few seconds, and I am sorry that I had to kill him, but my life was in danger. I didn't pause to see if he were dead, but went across the street and notified the police and my neighbor who discovered the long iron bolt in his hand. I hadn't seen that before."

Mr. Collins stated that his sister was in the house, having returned that evening from Florida. His brother, who also lives there was not at home, he said.

Mr. Collins is well-known in Montgomery, and is prominent in fraternal circles, being presiding officer of the local Praetorians, and past consul commander of Magnolia lodge, Woodmen of the World.

AUTHORITIES PUSH SEARCH FOR NEGRO

Officer Hill Reported Resting Easy; Meagre Description of Assailant Available

After a search which continued throughout the city Wednesday for a negro known as "Shorty," who shot down and seriously wounded E. E. Hill, Washington Park constable, Tuesday night, police and county officials extended their efforts beyond the city, sending a flood of telegrams to all sections of the state bearing a comprehensive description of the negro.

Meanwhile, Officer Hill, with a dangerous bullet wound through the apex of the left lung, was reported as "resting easy" and his condition unchanged late Wednesday night.

Information gathered by the police revealed that "Shorty" was not extensively acquainted in the city, and the description given by those who saw him Tuesday evening as he fled through the gate of the park with two revolvers in his hands set forth that he was slightly under medium height and of a ginger cake color. His age, it was said, is apparently about 25 or 30 years, and weight about 140 pounds. In the flight, after shooting the officer as he attempted to arrest him, the negro left his hat which had been knocked off in his fight with Nathan Green, another negro, which had

assumed desperate proportions when Officer Hill arrived on the scene. Green is being held at the county jail. Mr. Hill is well known in Montgomery, having been constable at Washington Park for a number of years. He is 56 years old, and has a wife and several children.

NEGRO'S BULLET VITCIM REPORTED TO BE WORSE

Officers Fail In Their Search For Frank Graham

A change for the worse was noted Friday by physicians attending E. E. Hill, Washington Park constable, who was shot and seriously wounded Tuesday night by a negro, said to be Frank Graham. While physicians had not lost hope, they described his condition as being "very serious."

Graham was still at large Friday, while detectives and officers in all sections of the state who have been notified of the crime were seeking to apprehend him. Officer Hill had sought to arrest the black when he suddenly fired a bullet through the officer's left lung.

MARSHAL KILLS NEGRO

Clarence Shannon Dies In Attempt To Resist Arrest

BREWTON, ALA., Dec. 29.—Special to The Advertiser.—Carey Jernigan, night marshal, shot and killed a negro, Clarence Shannon, Saturday night at twelve o'clock.

Mr. Jernigan was called to negro quarters where the negro had created a disturbance. The marshal attempted to arrest the negro when he is said to have backed off and reached for his gun, when the marshal fired and killed him instantly.

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White Man To Answer For Death Of Negro Tenant

(Preston News Service)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 21.—Hiram Fort, white, a farmer living near Levy, who struck and fatally injured Dozier, a tenant on his place, at Levy Saturday, was held for the grand jury by Judge Weas. Fort was arranged for a preliminary hearing, but this was waived and the judge said the prosecuting attorney recommended that bond for his appearance be fixed at \$5,000. The amount of the bond was left to Judge Wade. Up to Wednesday the amount of the bond had not been put up.

TWO NEGROES KILLED

Shooting Into Train Sternly Rebutted At McGehee.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 28.—Prosecuting Attorney E. W. Brockman left here today for McGehee, miles south of Pine Bluff, to attend an inquest into the killing of Tom Robinson and Abraham Anderson, both negroes, near McGehee at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Special Agent Bob White of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and Constable Chas. Huddleston had gone to the Goodwin farm near McGehee to investigate a report that while a passenger train from Little Rock was passing that place several shots were fired into the train. They found the negroes in progress and claim that when they approached the house the negroes resisted arrest and the shooting followed. Robinson was instantly killed and Anderson was shot with a sawed-off shot gun and died after being removed to McGehee. Another negro whose name was not learned was shot in the arm.

NEGRO TURNS ON PLANTATION OWNER

Helena, Arkansas, Physician Wounded; Farm Overseer Killed by Tenant

MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 20.—Dr. Allen Cox, physician of Helena, Ark., was seriously wounded and his plantation foreman O. T. Cunningham shot and killed today on Dr. Cox's plantation near Goodland, Ark., by Arthur Blow, a negro. Blow was in his turn shot and killed by Cunningham, who after falling to the ground mortally wounded, drew his revolver and emptied it into the negro's body. Cunningham's action probably saved his life, according to stories of the affair, as Blow had shot the physician once and was taking deliberate aim at him again when the plantation foreman opened fire.

The trouble occurred when Dr. Cox and Cunningham went to the negro's house to ask him about some alleged cotton thefts. Blow met the two men at the door and without a word began shooting.

Dr. Cox was brought to Memphis for medical treatment tonight. He is wounded in the hip and unless complications ensue is given a good chance for recovery.

NEGRO KILLS BOY IN A WATERMELON PATCH

Ralph Harvey Dead and Two Companions Injured.

LONOKE, Ark., Aug. 1.—Ralph Harvey, aged 17, son of Corn Harvey, living 10 miles south of Lonoke, was instantly killed about 5 o'clock last night when he was fired upon while in a watermelon patch on the farm of J. C. Tankersley. Two other youths were wounded. Joe Babo, negro, aged 65, tenant on the Tankersley place, is in jail, charged with the shooting of Ralph Harvey, and officers say he admitted firing into the patch, but said he did so with the intention of frightening the boys away. Harvey was struck in the front and middle section of the body by about 80 shots. The position of the body and condition of the ground indicate that Harvey lived for a few minutes after he was shot and writhed about on the ground. Alonzo Pierce was struck by four shots from Babo's gun and Chester Smith, by eight shots. Their wounds are not believed serious. Harvey was in front and received the greatest portion of the damage. Sheriff Frank Martineau and Deputy Fletcher Swain went to the scene this morning and arrested Babo. The negro stated that he had been troubled on previous occasion by boys pilfering his melons. So far as could be learned he fired without warning. He lay in a corn field adjoining the melon patch and raised up and fired as the boys entered. Harvey lived in the Pettus neighborhood, near where the killing took place. Dr. Tankersley, who owns the place, is the physician who some weeks ago shot and killed his wife late one night in England in front of the Tankersley home.

HELD FOR NEGRO'S DEATH.

White Boy Charged With Complicity In Slaying Colored Man.

MORRILTON, Ark., Dec. 8.—After confessing that he was involved in the killing of Lad Thomas, negro man, who was found dead at his home about two miles from Morrilton, Friday afternoon, Earl Hudson, white youth, about 20 years of age, was placed in jail here Sunday afternoon on charge of murder. Hudson gave the name of another man, whom he claims was with him and who did the shooting. Officers, however, have not disclosed the name of this person, because they believe that Hudson is trying to place the guilty party by giving the name of someone else. Robbery was given by the youth as the motive for the crime. Hudson

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said that he and his partner in the crime went to the negro's home Thursday afternoon and ordered him to throw up his hands, whereupon the negro reached for a gun and one of the white boys fired. Thomas was shot through the back.
The negro was found Friday afternoon by two white boys from here who were out hunting. They went to his house to ask him for the use of his boat and found Thomas lying on his stomach across a cot.

NEGRO KILLS PATROLMAN.

Stripping Car When Officers Came Upon Scene.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 28.—Several posses of officers and citizens were scouring the territory adjacent to Little Rock today searching for the negro who shot and killed Motorcycle Patrolman Hervey L. Biggs last night. It is believed that the negro was shot by the officers in a pistol duel as a two different negro houses in the vicinity of College Station on the Frazier Pike Sheriff Homer Adkins and deputies learned that shortly after midnight Sunday a negro had come to these houses, told the occupants he had been shot, and asked them to take him in. Biggs was shot twice, one bullet entering the right side, passing through his body and lodging under the skin on the left side. The other entered the right forearm and lodged in the elbow.

The fatal shooting occurred shortly after Biggs and his partner, Motorcycle Patrolman Davenport, had found a rented car in a ditch near Seventeenth and Harrington streets, near the Bruce lumber mill. The car had been partially stripped. The officers were attempting to arrest the negro when he opened fire, killing Officer Biggs after several shots were fired.

INJURIES MAY KILL MAN.

Arkansan Beaten and Robbed By Negro, in Serious Condition.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 1.—Charles Sampson, about 30, of Price's Station, who had lived here for some time, started to walk to his home this morning and when leaving the city he said a negro driving a small car stopped and offered him a ride. Sampson said before he had stepped into the car, the negro struck him with a large calibre gun, beat him up and took about \$7 Sampson had in his pockets. Sampson recently had an operation, and the wounds that otherwise might have been slight, may cause his death. It was said at the hospital to which he was taken. One negro, arrested in a car on that highway, was taken before Sampson this afternoon, but was not identified.

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Florida.

NEGRO KILLS POLICEMAN

West Palm Beach Officer Killed While Making Investigation.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., Feb. 9—Patrolman William Payton was fatally shot by a negro early this afternoon when he went into a negro home at the corner of Third avenue and Division street, to investigate reports of a fight between a man and a woman.

According to stories told by persons who were near by at the time of the shooting, a negress ran out of a house on Division street near Third street, about 6:45 p. m. and screamed that a negro was trying to kill a woman with a knife.

The report was brought to a drug store where Payton was with the request that he hurry and settle the argument.

Payton rushed to the scene of the dispute, and entered the door. As he did so, he was confronted by a negro, armed with a pistol. Without waiting for words, the negro shot twice. The first load struck the officer in the right forehead, shattering his skull.

Other negroes called police and an ambulance from Ferguson's Undertaking company and as quickly as possible, the dying officer was rushed to Good Samaritan hospital.

He died there a few minutes later.

A colored woman who said she was in the house with the murderer, told the police that a negro by the name of Chester McLendon did the shooting. McLendon is known by the police. He is about five feet four inches tall and is very black.

All members of the police department and some of the deputy sheriff's are organizing for a search for the man. The dead patrolman is survived by a wife.

JOKE WITH DYNAMITE; TWO WORKMEN SLAIN

Lighted Fuse Tossed at Negro,
Drops in Explosives.

INVERNESS, Fla., Aug. 15.—A workman building the Crystal River Road near Red Level, yesterday playfully tossed a lighted dynamite fuse at a negro boy. It lighted in a box of dynamite. Two workmen were killed and two others badly injured by the explosion.

The dead are A. R. Bertine, 33, of Red Level and Louis Turner, 18, Inverness. The injured are A. R. Bertine, Jr., and Rubin Turner, 28, both of Red Level. The injured are in a hospital at Ocala. The older Bertine had been a deputy sheriff of Citrus County for seven years and his family is widely known. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. The younger Bertine is not expected to live.

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1 DEAD, 1 WOUNDED TWO NEGROES HELD IN PISTOL FIGHT IN RENFROE DEATH

Eaton, Ga., February 28.—One man is dead, one seriously injured and two white men and one negro are in jail as the result of a shooting affray near Eaton tonight. The dead man, O. C. Harwood, was riddled with pistol bullets and filled with buckshot from the guns of his assailants. He died at his home tonight. Bob Heath, another white man, was shot through the hip and leg and is under the care of two physicians now. His injuries are said to be serious.

OFFICER DIES OF SHOT AND NEGRO IS SOUGHT

Augusta, Ga., March 7.—Special Officer I. L. Gunn, of the Georgia railroad, who was shot and seriously wounded by an unknown negro here last night, died this morning. A reward of \$500 has been offered for his apprehension. Officer Gunn was a resident of Wood, Ga.

Jury Finds Negro Slayer Is Guilty

WAYCROSS, Ga., Dec. 10.—Luke Middleton, negro, charged with the murder of J. O. Guy, young white man, in this city nearly two years ago, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury in the Ware Superior Court, and was sentenced to serve from 10 to 12 years in the penitentiary. Middleton once before faced a jury in the Ware Superior Court and received a sentence of from 16 to 20 years. A new trial was asked for by his attorneys and while the petition was under consideration, Middleton made his escape from the Ware County jail. For more than a year Middleton remained at large, but was recently apprehended by the police of Philadelphia. He was returned to Ware County only a few days ago. Guy was killed by Middleton while the two were riding in a car, near the Gilmore Street crossing. Middleton claimed that Guy attacked him following an argument over the sale of some liquor.

Cartersville, Ga., November 30.—Two negroes tonight were being held in connection with the death of Percy F. Renfro, whose body was found in a negro section of town early today. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Renfro came to his death as the result of alcoholic poisoning and exposure. The negroes held, told officials he found the body on the porch of his house, and, fearing arrest, had dragged it down the street, where it later was discovered. Officials were continuing the investigation tonight. Renfro, who was a member of a prominent Cartersville family, is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

HOLD NEGRO AS MURDERER Man's Mangled Body Found on Highway Near Forsyth, Ga.

MACON, Ga., Aug. 1.—Charged with the murder of Mid Britt, whose mangled body was found early today on a highway near Forsyth, Dave Flint, a negro, was brought to the county jail here tonight for safekeeping following his arrest. Officers said they followed automobile tracks from the spot where Britt's body lay in the road to the home of Flint, where they found a blood-stained automobile. The negro admitted that he "felt something dragging under his machine last night," but denied knowledge that he had killed a man, the authorities said.

SAVANNAH POLICE KILL NEGRO IN GUN DUEL

Savannah, Ga., August 15.—Jack Jones, negro, was shot to death at the union station this morning at 11:30 by Patrolmen Tootle and Poole of the city police force. Police say that Jones had been deported from Canada and his baggage was being investigated by customs inspectors at the union station, when the negro became insolent and began shooting at policemen. Upon searching the negro after he was dead, two guns were taken off him, one being a .32 German automatic and the other a .38 caliber Colt special. About 75 rounds of ammunition were also taken from his pockets. The body of Jones was taken to an undertaking establishment.

NEGRO GETS LIFE T LOWNDES TRIAL FOR KILLING COP

Valdosta, Ga., November 20.—The trial of Yancy Wheeler, negro, in Lowndes county superior court here today on a charge of murder of Po-

liceman A. D. Jones last August, resulted in a verdict guilty with recommendation for mercy. This afternoon the court gave a sentence of life imprisonment.

Georgia Planter Is Found Dead Of Pistol Wound

Tallapoosa, Ga., November 10.—(Special.)—A bullet hole in his left breast and a pistol clamped in his right hand led officers to believe that Dave Phillips, 36, farmer of Waco, had ended his own life when his body was found in his home Monday afternoon. Phillips recently had sold his farm and bought a store at Kansas, a small station near Waco. He has aroused attention by strange actions during the last week, and he had been under the care of physicians and friends for several days. Phillips is survived by his wife and several grown children.

SLAYING OF OFFICER CHARGED TO NEGRO

Savannah, Ga., August 25.—(Special.)—A negro, who was indicted today for the murder of Mount W. F. L. Jones, who a few days ago was found lying on the body of the negro he had killed, Harris is alleged to have aided in killing the officer in the call box duel which occurred between the two men and the officer.

NEGRO SHOT DOWN IN GAMBLING RAID

Henry McMichael, negro, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by Patrolman J. E. Nance when the negro, with several other negroes and white men, was caught at 11:30 Saturday night in a gambling game at a garage on Hills avenue, according to the officers. According to Patrolman Nance and George B. Lee, who made the raid, McMichael attempted to escape and put his hand to his hip as if to reach for a gun. Patrolman Nance then fired on him.

Georgia

NEGRO CONFESSES KILLING OFFICER

Matt Alexander, negro, Monday confessed to police Sergeants J. M. Chambers and W. P. Reed, that he was the slayer of Jonas Aiken, supernumerary policeman and superintendent of the signal system. Alexander, who lives at 33 Lovejoy street, was arrested Monday morning by the two sergeants who were working on a tip furnished by W. A. Dunn, negro undertaker, for whom Alexander had worked for a number of years. The officers found the slayer seated in a chair, sobbing, with his head in his hands. He confessed as soon as the officers entered the room, declaring that the shooting was an accident, the pistol being discharged while he was scuffling with the officer who was beating him over the head with a black-jack. Aiken was fatally shot Saturday night when he attempted to settle an argument between two boisterous negroes, Alexander being one of the participants. The following story was told by the confessed slayer to police Monday night: "None of us knew he was a policeman. We were walking along and suddenly this man ran up to us in his shirt sleeves, with a pistol in his hand, and began beating me over the head. Naturally I grappled with him and there was a tussle over the gun. It went off and I was shot in the hand, the bullet hitting him in the neck." Alexander exhibited a bandaged hand in proof of his story. "My first thought was to get away. Then I went home and began getting my affairs in shape, because I never thought of trying to escape for good. It wasn't until Sunday morning that I found out it was a policeman who was killed. I wouldn't have had it happen for a million dollars."

Killings-1924. Law Student Found Shot; Police Act

Raymond Merle, 30 years old, world war veteran and law student, was found shot to death in an alley in the rear of 4540 Calumet Ave., at 3 a. m. Saturday. He had been shot with a .44 caliber revolver. That type of bullet was found lodging beneath the skin at the back of his neck. It had penetrated the base of his nose.

A few feet from his body, fully clothed, lay a green, blood-soaked comfort, the kind used in moving vans. A dirty gray cap was also close by, but, when last seen by his landlady, Mrs. Etta Mae Reed, 239 E. 35th St., where he had roomed six days, he was wearing a gray felt hat.

Merle's body was discovered by William Jones, 541 Prairie Ave. Jones was driving his automobile through the alley to the garage and ran over the prostrate form.

Find Phone Number

Investigations were begun by Officers Crowley, Dwyer, Timothy and McGuire of the station. A search of the dead man's person revealed a telephone number written on a card. It proved to be the phone number of the place where he roomed and his identity was established. His watch and \$2 in change were found in his pockets. The police believe that Merle was shot elsewhere, his body placed in a truck or automobile with the comfort over it, hauled to the alley and left there.

Merle was a nephew of the Rev. W. S. Braddan, pastor of the Berean Baptist church. According to the minister, Merle had been in Chicago six years. He had served in the world war and was wounded in France. He was also receiving support from the government and taking vocational training. Merle, Rev. Braddan said, had completed a four-year law course in Loyola college and was planning soon to engage in the practice of law.

Posed as Wife

Two years ago Merle was married to Miss Viola McFadden (white) who is now in Cherokee, Okla. But Saturday, Nov. 15, he moved to Mrs. Reed's home at the E. 35th St. address with another woman, who posed as his wife. She was Mrs. Etha Morton, 25, wife of Marvin Morton of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Morton fell under suspicion when she suddenly disappeared Friday morning. She told her landlady she was going to Gary, Ind. She was arrested Saturday afternoon and held for further investigation.

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Louisiana

EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF KILLED MAKING RAID

Excitement Follows Clash
With Negroes at Dixie,
Near Capital.

Baton Rouge, La., March 29.—Sheriff Robert Day of East Baton Rouge parish was shot and instantly killed tonight when raiding a negro gambling point at Dixie, four miles north of here. The negro assailant was killed, and another was wounded. Two negroes are being held in jail here, as the result of the shooting.

Wildest excitement is prevailing, and authentic details could not be learned. 3-30-27

According to information gathered here, Sheriff Day and Deputy Duhan were called to Dixie, where a fire had destroyed a drug store and two houses. While there, the negro gamblers were found, and Sheriff Day and his deputy undertook to arrest them.

The sheriff and the negro fired simultaneously, according to accounts of the affair given here, and the sheriff's bullet struck a second negro. The deputy is then said to have fired, killing the sheriff's murder.

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Louisiana.

NEGRO SHOTS SLEEPER, Avenging Whipping of His Mother and Sister.

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 8.—Robert W. Cutrer, 28, was shot to death as he slept in his home last night on a farm near St. Francisville by George Parker, a negro farm hand, according to reports received here. The negro was arrested and was rushed out of the parish by Sheriff Wilcox as a precaution against mob violence. Cutrer, a member of one of the best families in that section of the state, was said to have been intoxicated yesterday, according to information given Sheriff Wilcox, and during the day he whipped the mother and sister of Parker and drove them from the house in which they made their home. At 12 o'clock last night Parker, according to the authorities, crept up to the house occupied by Cutrer and shot the sleeping man through a window, blowing off his head with a charge of birdshot. Parker remained on the scene, and when the sheriff arrived told him Cutrer had committed suicide.

LITTLE ROCK ARK GAZETTE

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Louisiana Farmer Slain After Beating Negro Woman.

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Cutrer was said to have been intoxicated yesterday and during the day he whipped the mother and sister of Parker and drove them from the house in which they made their home.

At 10 o'clock last night Parker, according to the authorities, crept up to the house occupied by Cutrer and shot the sleeping man through a window.

MARDI GRAS ENDS IN GENERAL FIGHT

Two Negroes Killed and Several Others Wounded in Gun Battles

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 4.—Two negroes were killed, three probably fatally wounded and several others were seriously hurt today as the result of a series of carnival pistol duels in scattered parts of the city.

Frank Cole, negro, and his wife, were shot and killed by stray bullets and another negro was wounded in a fight between several negroes on General Taylor street.

Two negroes were shot by Detective Fred Williams after they had struck two white women maskers, started a general fight and then turned on the detective with their pistols. The wounded negroes were taken to a hos-

pital where they were said to have no chance for recovery.

Patrolman John Flemming engaged in a pistol battle with a negro on Rampart street. Neither was shot, but a negro bystander was hit by a stray bullet and was reported to be in a dying condition.

During the progress of the Rex parade, a free for all fight between the whites and negroes occurred at Canal and South Rampart streets. Police reserves arrived before any of the participants were seriously hurt.

NEGRO ADMITS KILLING

Coleman Says He Shot Sheriff Rantz of Jackson Parish

SHREVEPORT, LA., Aug. 27.—Free man Coleman confessed to the Jackson Parish authorities today that he shot Sheriff E. M. Rantz of Jackson parish Friday night while Rantz was taking Coleman and two other negroes, handcuffed together to jail. The negroes had been arrested for moonshining. The sheriff was attacked from behind by his prisoners and in the melee one of them obtained his pistol and killed him.

Coleman was arrested last night and placed with his companions, Booker Boone and Willie Washington in the parish jail here. A fourth negro, the man who removed the shackles from the trio after the slaying of the sheriff, also is in jail.

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Maryland.

NEGRO KILLS AGED WARDEN OF JAIL

Officer Slain While Performing
Duty; Succeeds on Wound-
ing Assassin

PRINCESS ANNE, MD., Dec. 13.—
Suddenly whipping a pistol from the
holster of Lewis Dryden, 72-year-old
warden of the Somerset county jail,
Harry Merrill, 22, a negro, shot and
instantly killed Dryden, who was ar-
resting him, seriously wounded Ira
Carey, a bailiff, and escaped into the
woods *about six miles from here.*

As he fell, Carey drew his pistol
and emptied it at the fugitive, slight-
ly wounding a negro onlooker, who
was running away, frightened by the
firing.

Despite his wounds, Carey dragged
himself into his motor car and drove
to this place where he collapsed after
giving the alarm. At the Peninsula
hospital he was found to be suffering
from two wounds in the back and one
in the leg.

Five hundred persons took up the
hunt for Merrill, while the other ne-
gro's wounds were being cared for on
the farm. A telegram to Norfolk, Va.,
ordered a pack of bloodhounds for the
pursuit of Merrill. All Maryland au-
thorities were notified and avenues of
escape were at once closed by squads
of state police.

Dryden and Carey had gone to the
farm to arrest the negro for the shoot-
ing of his stepfather earlier today.

Dryden is survived by a widow and
five children. Feeling is running high
in Princess Anne and a number of
threats have been heard against the
negro.

Killings-1924. Southerners Kill Minister In Cold Blood

**Alleged Remarks to
Woman Held As Cause
of Killing—Hint "Illicit"
Love Affair.**

GRANADA, Miss., Jan. 3.—Suspected of a liaison with an attractive white widow, owner of one of the largest stores in the city, Rev. William Hardeman, Jr., aged 49, and pastor of the biggest Negro church here, was shot to death at his home about three miles east of Elliott Station last night between 9 and 10 o'clock by a party of unknown white men.

The minister's death was one of the most brutal in the history of the county, and the city is in a fever over the affair, members of Hardeman's church, the widow and many prominent white citizens demanding that the guilty parties be apprehended. Hardeman was shot down in cold blood.

Tells "Bogus" Story.

The reason given for the killing, according to the men, is because of an argument over a bill, some alleged sarcastic remarks hurled at the proprietress of the store by Rev. Hardeman. But queries led to the fact that an alleged "illicit" love affair, implicating the preacher and the woman, was the real cause of the shooting. It is said that the story of an argument was merely a subterfuge intended to give the "age-old" alibi of the south for an unwarranted killing.

According to the stories told by Mrs. Hardeman, wife of the dead man, and his brother, both of whom witnessed the killing, a party of white men came to the door and asked assistance in having their car pulled from a mud-hole last Tuesday night.

Hardeman, who had been warned that his life was in danger, but had refused to leave the town, alleging that he was guilty of no wrongdoing, attempted to hide. The men, after entering the house, instituted a search, found the man under a bed, and shot him down in cold blood.

FIVE BLACKS HELD AS MURDER CASE NEARS SOLUTION

**One Has Hand Split Open
as With Butcher Knife
on Arrest.**

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 8.—Five negroes are in the western district. Hinds county jail at Raymond, held in connection with the murder of Mrs. Nellie Mardiss, 62 years old, storekeeper at Smith Station, Wednesday night. They are Lonnie Hunter, Harmon Williams, Phillip O'Berry, Isom Hagan and Oscar Johnson. The latter two live on the same plantation with the first two named, and were placed under arrest last night.

Confidence that Phillip O'Berry is one of the slayers is expressed by the officers and members of the posse that ran down the negroes. O'Berry was turned over to officials by his father on learning that they were looking for a man with a cut hand. O'Berry hand is split wide open as if with a butcher knife. A knife of that sort was found by the side of the murdered woman and bloody handprints were found in the store.

It is the belief of the officers that one or more of the negroes in custody aided O'Berry in the murder and robbery of Mrs. Mardiss. Judge Wiley Potter said this afternoon that the grand jury which has just adjourned, would berecalled or a new one impaneled at once to investigate the case.

The body of Mrs. Mardiss was shipped to Chicago this afternoon, accompanied by her son, who arrived this morning. She was a widow and came to Smith's Station from Chicago in 1917, and for the last two years had been operating the little store in which she was murdered, making her home with a sister and brother near by.

PLANTATION OWNER KILLED BY NEGRO

**Volunteer Posse Organized
and Bloodhounds Are
Sought.**

Natchez, Miss., Aug. 19.—Paul Johnson, aged 54, owner of Selma plantation, six miles from Natchez, was killed by a negro tenant, Ed Carter, aged 25, early tonight. Johnson was shot through the neck with a 45 caliber pistol and the negro escaped. The killing occurred in the house of the negro and the circumstances are unknown.

The shooting was reported to S. S. Serio, who operates a store at Selma Station, by Carter's wife who said that a shooting had occurred in her home and that either Johnson or her husband had been killed.

Immediately after the report was received in Natchez a posse was organized by Deputy Sheriff Clarence P. Roberts. Later it was learned that plantation owners throughout the section adjacent to Selma had organized a volunteer posse and that an effort would be made to secure Gant's bloodhounds.

FIVE NEGROES, ALLEGED SLAYERS, TAKE APPEAL

**Men Convicted of Killing Mrs.
Mardis on Moron's Story.**

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 23.—Stewart C. Broom, formerly assistant attorney general of Mississippi, under Attorney General Clayton D. Potter, has filed an appeal in the case of five negroes who were convicted of the assassination of Mrs. Nellie Mardiss, plantation owner. Acting on this, which occurred at Smith Station, the recommendation of the officers near the line between Hinds and Warren counties, of the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad, last February. The appeal raises a novel legal question several days more. The case has been discussed by the bar of Every other day and others who have carefully watched since the killing occurred, and guard is being kept on Mrs. Mardis was found dead in herall roads by officers of adjoining counties from wounds which had been inflicted by a knife and blows upon the skull with a heavy instrument of the will be captured. A \$200 reward has been offered for information leading to the dead woman against her assailants.

It was after 10 o'clock at night when the woman was found dead. Neighbors were aroused and Sheriff Wells, of Jackson, went to the scene with bloodhounds. After a search lasting all through the night and nearly all the next day, five negroes were arrested. The first of these was a half-witted boy of about 16 years of age, giving the name of Phillip O'Berry. Phillip implicated four other negroes, whom he charged with aiding him in the crime. These were Lonnie Hamilton, Isom Harper, Herman Williams and Oscar Johnson.

Broom was appointed by the court to defend O'Berry and the four negroes whom he implicated. When the trials came up, Judge Potter removed Broom as counsel for O'Berry, and the prosecution then put O'Berry on the witness stand to testify against the other four. There was no testimony of a direct nature except of O'Berry and the negroes were convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged on O'Berry's testimony. O'Berry being given a life sentence on a plea of guilty.

In his appeal of the case against the four negroes sentenced to death, Mr. Broom makes the point that he was properly appointed attorney for O'Berry as well as the other defendants and that the court exceeded its authority in removing him as counsel for O'Berry and permitting O'Berry to be used as a witness against his advice and consent as an attorney.

The evidence against the four convicted negroes is purely circumstantial except for the testimony of O'Berry, who was shown to be a moron on the witness stand. Another point made in the case is that the jury was unduly prejudiced by the admission of testimony showing the bloody nature of the crime, without evidence of a positive and reliable nature to connect the accused with the actual killing. It is claimed that the words "Blood," "Bloody" and "Bleeding," occur 304 times in the testimony introduced.

OFFICER KILLS NEGRO. Searching for Liquor When Tried to Draw Pistol.

SHUMNER, Miss., Sept. 1.—Henry Hughes, a negro employed at the Swan Lake pump house, was shot and killed last night by Deputy Sheriff C. E. Aldridge while the negro was attempting to shoot Deputy Sheriff J. E. Sumner. The officers had a search warrant for liquor and after rousing Hughes at his home went with him to the pump house. While Aldridge was searching the pump house the negro attempted to draw a pistol to shoot Sumner when Aldridge fired. The negro was under bond for shooting J. W. Bennett, telegraph operator at Swan Lake, several weeks ago.

SEARCH FOR NEGRO GOES ON.

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DOGS LOSE TRAIL OF NEGRO SLAYER

Natchez, Miss., Aug. 20.—The man hunted for Ed Carter, the negro who Tuesday evening killed Paul Johnson, plantation owner, continued today with Gant's bloodhounds trailing the fugitive.

The trail was picked up by the dogs nearly Wednesday morning and followed almost to Stanton where it doubled back to a point within half a mile of the scene of the killing. Early in the day it was reported that Carter had been surrounded. This report brought large numbers of volunteers from Jefferson and Franklin counties. The trail was lost near Washington seven miles from Natchez, and the dogs were taken back to the starting point.

The wife of Carter and several other negroes who were on the premises at the time Johnson was killed are held in jail here. The woman admitted that Johnson and her husband had a difficulty in which the negro had been reprehended for slovenliness in picking cotton.

The body of Johnson will be sent to Mount Vernon, Ill., for burial.

NEGRO TENANT SLAYS OWNER OF PLANTATION

**Paul Johnson of Selma Farms
Shot Through Neck.**

NATCHEZ, Miss., Aug. 19.—Paul Johnson, aged 54, owner of Selma plantation, six miles from Natchez, was killed by a negro tenant, Ed Carter, aged 25, early tonight. Johnson was shot through the neck with a 45 caliber pistol and the negro escaped. The killing occurred in the house of the negro and the circumstances are unknown. The shooting was reported to S. S. Serio, who operates a store at Selma Station, by Carter's wife who said that a shooting had occurred in her home and that either Carter or her husband had been killed. Immediately after the report was received in Natchez, a posse was organized by Deputy Sheriff Clarence P. Roberts. Later it was learned that plantation owners throughout the section adjacent to Selma had organized volunteer posses and that an effort would be made to secure Gant's bloodhounds.

RESISTING NEGRO SHOT.

Black Fires on Officers 10 Times Before Being Brought Down.

WAYNESBORO, Miss., Nov. 19.—Sheriff U. L. Busby, accompanied by Deputies Harry Norsworthy and Malley Causey, went to the Quitman Naval Stores Company's turpentine camps near Matherville, in the northern corner of Wayne county, on a hunt for "Shore" Saturday night. The negro was in a negro house in the company's quarters and fired for a yellow negro who called himself Jim Smith.

Smith opened the door and immediately fired on Sheriff Busby, but failed to hit him. He then went to a back door and as he opened it he met Deputy Harry Norsworthy, who commanded him to get out. He immediately fired at Norsworthy, shooting a hole through his overcoat and breaking a flashlight in his pocket. He ran out of the house and all three of the officers returned his fire.

The negro fired 10 times on the officers, but failed to wound any of them. The officers were armed with two shotguns loaded with buckshot, one of them a pump gun and the sheriff a pistol. The officers fired 21 times, and the negro fell riddled with shot. He had 80 shot holes in his body, but was still living yesterday morning. He is said to be wanted at Mobile, Quitman, Miss., and at some place in Louisiana. An empty five-gallon keg and empty two-gallon jug were found, but he had disposed of the liquor. He is not expected to recover.

OFFICER DIES OF WOUNDS.

**W. H. Brumfield of Hollandale Shot
By Negro Who is Later Killed.**

GREENVILLE, Miss., Dec. 6.—Town Marshal W. H. Brumfield of Hollandale, this county, died at the King's Daughters Hospital here last night from wounds received from a pistol shot fired by a negro named McGee who the marshal attempted to arrest for a violation of the law at Hollandale late yesterday afternoon.

Marshal Brumfield was hit in the abdomen, the intestines being perforated. While an operation was performed and the infusion of blood into the patient's veins from that of a friend was made, it proved futile and Mr. Brumfield died from the wounds. The negro was killed after he had shot off a leg.

The funeral of Mr. Brumfield will be held in the Baptist Church at Hollandale at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Rev. Norris Palmer of Memphis to officiate.

BLACK WHO SLEW LANDLORD JAILED

WHITE MAN SLAIN AND ANOTHER SHOT BY NEGRO

Posses Search Black in Yazoo County
Mississippi

HOLLY BLUFF, MISS., Nov. 16.—
Clifford Hart, son of Edward Hart, su-
pervisor of Yazoo county, was shot to
death by a negro at the door of his
father's store near Yazoo City late to-
day. Claude Carroll, companion of
young Hart, was seriously wounded
by the negro, for whom posses are
searching tonight. 11-17-34

An automobile, in which Hart and
Carroll were riding this afternoon is
said to have collided with one driven
by the negro. The youths returned to
Edward Hart's store and shortly aft-
erwards the negro, whose name could
not be learned here, drove up and ask-
ed for some gasoline. Young Hart went
to the door and the negro opened fire,
shooting the youth five times and kill-
ing him instantly. Carroll was shot
twice.

A posse of Holly Bluff citizens had
failed to capture the negro late to-
night.

Gives Up After Parley With Officers by Aid of Envoys.

Natchez, Miss., Aug. 26.—Ed Carter,
the negro tenant who August 19 killed
his landlord, Paul Johnson on the Sel-
ma plantation, nine miles from Nat-
chez, has surrendered and is in the
jail at Natchez. His
trial will probably be
held Wednesday morning before a
justice of the peace.

Carter was taken into custody by
Sheriff William H. Reed in Jeff-
erson county near Gum Ridge. He told
the sheriff that he wanted to surren-
der as he knew that he could not live
in the woods and would be caught if
he came out.

In the chase for Carter, Sheriff
Reed employed Bob Gantt and his
bloodhounds of Crystal Springs, and
it has developed that Carter was sur-
rounded at all times, a fact that the
officers did not know. The arrest of
Carter was brought about through
negotiations in which Went Hawkins
and Charles Spencer, negroes living
at Gum Ridge, acted as messengers.

Deputy Netterville, in charge of a
squad, in the absence of Sheriff Reed,
learned from Hawkins that Carter was
in the neighborhood. Hawkins said
that Carter had eaten at his house a
short while before and had told him
that he would give himself up to
Sheriff Reed on condition that he re-
ceive protection from violence. Netter-
ville told the negro Hawkins that
Sheriff Reed was expected to arrive
in a little while and that he could
go back and tell Carter that he would
be protected. They soon returned with
Johnson's slayer and in a little while
Sheriff Reed came up with other of-
ficers. 8-27-34

Carter made no statement concern-
ing the killing of Johnson, being ad-
vised by Sheriff Reed to say nothing
about the case at this time. The cap-
ture of Carter created no excitement
and it is not thought that it will be
necessary to remove him from jail
here for safe keeping.

SHOOTS NEGRO; CLEARED.

New Augusta Man Killed in Self-De- fense, Hearing Shows.

New Augusta, Miss., Aug. 21.—B.
K. Gray shot and killed a negro, Ru-
fus Parley, three miles south of
his place early Tuesday. The negro
had been trespassing on timber lands
belonging to C. E. Gardner &
Company, of which Mr. Gray has
charge. It is reported and made an
attempt to take Mr. Gray's gun from
him when Mr. Gray remonstrated.
Gray then shot the negro through
the head. He immediately notified
Sheriff I. M. Myers of this place.
Deputies found the negro's body just
as stated by Gray. At a preliminary
hearing before Justice C. E. White
Tuesday evening, Gray was exoner-
ated from all blame. He is official
surveyor of this county and for a
long time has been woods foreman
for the lumber company.

Killings-1924.

Missouri.

SOUTHERNERS BARRED FROM MOTLOW'S JURY

Wealthy Tennessean on Trial
for Murder. W

DEATH PENALTY ASKED

Negro Is Chief State Witness.
Motlow, While Intoxicated, Shot
Pullman Conductor on Train
Bound for St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—Geo-
graphical lines today were invoked
to bar prospective jurors who will
determine the fate of Len Motlow,
wealthy Lynchburg, Tenn., stock
raiser and former distiller, on trial
in criminal court here for the mur-
der of Confrence T. Pullis, Pullman
conductor, here March 17.

"Where are you from, of what
part of the country are you a na-
tive?" asked Circuit Attorney Side-
ner.

Twenty-seven of 67 veniremen
gave the south as the land of their
nativity, and were quickly chal-
lenged for cause and excused from
the jury box.

Court attaches believe this action
by state attorneys is inspired by
their claim that racial prejudice
might control the deliberations of
southern bred jurors, particularly af-
ter it became known that a negro
porter, who was wounded in the en-
counter in which the conductor was
slain, and who now is suing Motlow
for \$50,000, is to be the state's star
witness against the defendant.

When Motlow was arraigned to en-
ter his plea of not guilty yesterday,
it was a negro court clerk who read
the indictment, a negro who smiled
broadly at the Tennessean as he read
the formal accusation. A half sub-
dued murmur of resentment sounded
through the crowded court room.

Take Testimony Today.

Taking of testimony will begin to-
morrow after a jury has been selected
from the 48 qualified veniremen who
have been examined during the first
two days of the hearing.

It became certain today that the
state will ask the death penalty.
Jurors were excused promptly when
they intimated they objected to or
would not exact capital punishment.

Unshaken and calm, the big, gaunt
figure from Tennessee awaits the re-
sult with apparent unconcern. Sur-
rounded by a large group of St. Louis
business men, members of the Mer-
chants' Exchange who in 10 minutes
furnished \$40,000 bail at the time of
the killing last March, and by the
dozen lawyers who represent him, he
watches the proceedings through thin,
keen eyes that betray no emotion.

The killing of the Pullman conduc-
tor occurred just as the Louisville
and Nashville train pulled out of the
grand central station here, headed
east. It was said that Motlow had

been drinking and had had an al-
tercation with Edward Wallace, por-
ter. It was while Motlow is said to
have been flourishing a gun to fright-
en the negro away that Conductor
Pullis appeared and an altercation
followed, during which the trainman
was fatally shot.

Motlow entered a formal plea of
not guilty. Neither he nor his coun-
sel tonight will divulge the line of
defense. "See my lawyers about this,"
Motlow said. "I'll talk to you about
Tennessee, crops or politics, but not
this." His attorneys are equally non-
communicative. "Wait and see," they
say confidently.

It was revealed today that Motlow,
voluntarily and without any threat-
ened action impending, several
months ago paid to the widow of the
slain man \$10,000 in full settlement of
her claims. It was said today by
friends of Motlow that the widow,
when asked what amount would be
satisfactory, replied that \$5,000 would
be sufficient, whereupon the Tennes-
sean doubled the amount and paid her
in cash. The defendant appeared in
court yesterday exactly at 10 a.m.
surrounded by a brilliant array of
counsel. He brought with him from
Tennessee six lawyers, among them a
former circuit judge and a former
United States district attorney. More
than a score of prominent Tennes-
seans, including a former governor,
will serve as character witnesses.

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**NEGRO MAN CONFESSES
SLAYING TAXI DRIVER**

Lexington, N. C., August 15.—
 John Leak, negro, sought in connection with the slaying of Charles Garwood, tax driver of this city whose body was found near here Friday morning, August 8, was captured at Rose Hill, near Raleigh, S. C., early today and has confessed that he struck the blows which killed the driver, according to Deputy Sheriff I. L. Blaylock, who returned to this city tonight from South Carolina where he had been in search of the fugitive. *8-16-24*

Leak blames Kenneth Hale, negro, now held in Charlotte in connection with the crime, according to Blaylock, for the plot to kill and rob the taxi driver. The deputy sheriff quotes Leak as saying that Hale took all of the money which was found on Garwood's body.

Killings-1924.

MOTHER IS SLAIN, 3 BABES INJURED BY NEGRO AXMAN

Columbia, S. C., September 20.—
Mrs. Lina Wessinger, 25-year-old
woman of the New Brookland sec-
tion near Columbia, is dead and her
three children, aged 4, 2 and 1 respec-
tively, are seriously perhaps fatally
injured, as the result of an attack
upon them early tonight by an un-
identified negro armed with an axe.

NEGRO KILLS WHITE WOMAN

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with an axe.

3 TINY COUSINS ALSO HACKED; TWO OF THEM MAY DIE

14-Year-Old's Admission
of Guilt in Quadruple
Crime Stops Hunt for
Suspected Negro.

YOUTHFUL KILLER GAVE DEATH ALARM

Lad Declared Negro
Frightened Him Away
From Home When He
Told First Story.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Columbia, S. C., September 21.—
Asbury Wessinger, 14-year-old boy,
confessed to officers today that he
fatally wounded his aunt, Mrs. Lina
Wessinger, and seriously injured
her three small children with an axe
late yesterday.

Mrs. Wessinger died last night at
a local hospital. The three children
were found in the house, each show-
ing axe wounds. Newman, age six,
and Rufus, age four, are in a critical

condition today but it is believed that
Azilee, one year old, will recover.

The boy's confession, made to sev-
eral officers, put an end to a search
by hundreds of armed men for a negro
who was at first reported to have
made the attack. Asbury gave the
alarm himself and told a story of
having been frightened away from his
aunt's home by a tall black negro.

Issue Murder Warrant.

Following young Wessinger's con-
fession, a warrant charging him with
murder was issued and the youth
placed in the Columbia city jail to be
held for Lexington county authorities.

In his confession to officers, the
boy admitted that the story that he
told of the "tall, black negro" chasing
him from the house and then attack-
ing his aunt and her children was
for the purpose of diverting suspicion
from himself.

The only reason given by the boy
for the attack was a difficulty he had
with his aunt over a knife which he
said he had lost while visiting the
Wessinger home and failed to find
when he returned for it. He declared
that he "got mad" and "lost my tem-
per" during the argument.

Attacked Tots First.

In the discussion over the knife, the
boy told officers that his aunt had
used "rough words" to him, which he
said, made him "mad."

Describing his movements before
and during the attack, young Wes-
singer said after the argument, his
aunt left the house, and went into the
yard. He said he then obtained an
ax handle and attacked the children,
who were sitting on the steps of the
house. He hit the oldest child first,
he said, and then struck the next old-
est. He declared he did not remember
hitting the youngest child.

Stepping over the prostrate forms
of the three children, he said he went
out into the yard and picked up an
ax which was lying near a wood shed.
At this time, his aunt had started to
milk a cow some distance away from
the house, the boy said.

Struck Her From Rear.

Approaching the woman from the
rear, young Wessinger stated that he
raised the ax and struck just as his
victim turned her head. She toppled
from the stool on which she was sit-
ting and the boy, in answer to ques-
tions, said he must have hit her twice
as she lay upon the ground. He hit
her with the blunt side of the ax, he
said. According to the boy's story,
she did not speak and made no out-
cry. He then left the house, went to
his own home some distance away and
told his father the story of his aunt
and the children being attacked by a
"tall, black negro."

Owing to the absence from the
county of the solicitor, the inquest
over the body of Mrs. Wessinger has

South Carolina.

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Tennessee.

TWO NEGRO WOMEN KILL TWO NEGRO MEN

Bring Homicide Total Up to
20 for Year 1924.

Two negro women imitating in striking fashion the "savage" set by white women in Memphis of late by shooting their husbands, slew two negro men last night. One of them was husband of the slayer, but the other met his nemesis when he attempted to strangle and rob his intended victim. These two slayings bring the homicide total up to 20 for the year 1924.

Eddie Williams, 35, 390 East Calhoun, was shot in the head and instantly killed by his wife, Martha, on his front porch at 7 o'clock, after a quarrel in which he is said to have threatened her life. Martha escaped and the police homicide squad, who were on the scene in a few moments, were unable to find her.

The other negro, as yet not positively identified, but believed to be Ben Shepherd of Wilson, Ark., was shot in the head also by Willie Miles, 25, 276 South Third Street, after he had engaged a room for the night, then attempted to choke her while demanding her money, according to the story she told police, who found his dilapidated suitcase on the porch near his body, where he fell after the woman opened fire at him.

The woman remained at the scene until the arrival of police. Several witnesses corroborated her story of how the shooting occurred. She was docketed on a technical charge of murder.

Another arrest growing out of this shooting was that of Charles W. Tittle, 54, 808 Delaware, who, after stopping his car at the scene out of curiosity, ran it into another car when he started away. He was charged with drunkenness, reckless driving and driving an auto while intoxicated.

ONE NEGRO CAPTURED IN ATTACK ON OFFICER

Another Black Surrounded in
Woods Near Somerville.

SOMERVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 24.—Tom Rivers, one of five negroes sought for the murderous attack on Deputy Sheriff John C. Chambers yesterday when the officer was literally slashed to ribbons with knives, was captured today after he was shot down by posse members when he resisted arrest. Tom Sneed, another black, is surrounded by a posse 10 miles from here and his arrest is momentarily expected.

Rivers is under guard in a negro cabin near where he was captured.

He was wounded in the stomach and it was not advisable to bring him to town after his wound was treated by Dr. J. A. Parks.

Sheriff Tom Ross intimated that other arrests would likely come soon though the other negroes have apparently made their escape. Sheriff Ross stated that it was necessary to shoot Rivers when he refused to throw up his hands. A pistol was taken from the negro.

Deputy Chambers was reported resting well at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sid Morris, here today. Dr. J. E. Albright stated that unless pneumonia set up in Chambers' left lung, punctured from the front and rear, the man would recover.

The attack on Deputy Chambers came about 9 o'clock yesterday morning after he had arrested Tom Sneed on a charge of carrying a pistol. As he started to mount his horse, four negroes jumped from a clump of bushes beside the road and attacked him with knives.

Left for dead, Chambers lay by the roadside four hours before he was found. During this time he bled both internally and externally and was greatly weakened from loss of blood.

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MAN SERIOUSLY SHOT IN SHOTGUN AMBUSH

W. F. Beard Wounded Near
Selmer—Negro Arrested.

SELMER, Tenn., Aug. 1.—W. F. Beard, 65, retired merchant and justice of the peace, was seriously wounded this afternoon when he was shot from ambush near his home five miles north of Selmer. Dick Cooper, 70-year-old negro, was arrested on a warrant charging attempt to commit murder in the first degree and was later released on bond of \$2,000. Mr. Beard was fired on with a shotgun and 17 large shots entered his head, neck and right shoulder. Seven shots passed through his hat. He fell from his buggy and was found an hour later. Physicians who attended him stated that unless complications set in he would recover. Cooper's bond was signed by C. C. Dodd and J. B. Smallwood. The negro will be given a preliminary hearing August 18. Mr. Beard lives in the Seventh district.

Moving Along.

Monday two Memphis negroes became involved in an argument over a nickel sandwich. Each of the disputants carried a revolver. Evidently both negroes were of the opinion that a gun is of itself a pretty good argument, for the pistols were brought into play. Both men were killed.

That brings the total number of our homicides for the year up to 46. We are now just 13 ahead of our record at this time last year. We are moving along, so far as killings are concerned.

Every year we have more homicides to our credit than Babe Ruth has home runs to his. Furthermore, the king of swat seems to be going back, while we are going up.

We have got to find a way to curb this pistol toting habit. The \$50 fine and 11 months and 29 days in the workhouse, the extreme limit prescribed by law, has so far failed, even when the full penalty is given.

Perhaps if pistol toting were made a felony, with the prospect of each offender having to spend a few years in the penitentiary, our shooters might decide it were better to leave their guns at home.

We call the matter to the attention of our law-enforcing officials and members of the bar association, in the

hope that they will give it consideration and determine if more drastic legislation will put a stop to the pistol carrying habit. The legislature will meet in January. If there is a possibility of its giving relief, now is the time to get busy.

If we can prevent men from going armed, we can reduce our homicide record about 90 per cent.

If neither of the two negroes who killed each other over a five-cent sandwich had been armed, the dispute might have wound up in an old-fashioned fist fight, with consequences of so little importance that probably the attention of the police would not have been attracted.

The tragic affair at Main and Madison a few weeks ago, in which one young man lost his life and another received a 12-year prison sentence would not have occurred if neither participant had been armed.

Pistol toting is responsible for nearly all of our killings. Stop men from carrying concealed weapons and we shall have few homicides.

Every homicide that takes place here hurts us socially, commercially and financially.

If we ever expect to put an end to this wholesale killing, we might just as well make a beginning.

Let's get busy.

CHARGE DEPUTY WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER

E. V. Penchbeck Accused of
Shooting Innocent Negress.

DISMISS THREE OTHERS

Slaying Took Place on Coleman
Road Saturday—No Report Made
to Sheriff—To Ask Penchbeck's
Indictment Today.

Deputy Sheriff E. V. Penchbeck, 35, is held at the county jail on a charge of first degree murder and Deputies Walter Shipp, A. V. Keith and C. L. Perkins were summarily dismissed following the slaying of Mary Spencer, negress, by Penchbeck Saturday night. The woman was shot to death while riding in an automobile on the Cole-

Tennessee.

Our Summer Killings.

man road, about a half mile north of Raleigh, and while the four deputies involved were escorting to jail 14 negro prisoners whom they had caught in a craps game on the old Bohlen-Huse plantation.

All of the deputies were attached to Squire Albert Finley's office. Penchbeck was appointed two weeks ago.

The fact that the woman had been killed did not become known generally until last night when the high sheriff personally placed Penchbeck under arrest and ordered him held without bail. The case will be presented to the grand jury this morning by Attorney General McLain.

According to Sheriff Knight the four deputies from Squire Finley's office went to the Bohlen-Huse plantation early Saturday night. There they took into custody 14 prisoners, whom they alleged were gambling.

The officers and their prisoners started back to jail at Memphis en route they passed an automobile containing several negroes. The car, it is said, was going at a rather fast rate of speed.

Failed to Report Shooting.

"Penchbeck, as the automobile passed the deputies' car, drew his pistol and fired twice at the rear of the other machine," said Sheriff Knight. One of the bullets struck the Spencer woman in the neck. She was killed instantly.

"No report was made to me as it should have been made. The two cars kept on going. Although under the circumstances the deputies had no way of telling that the bullets had taken effect, the mere fact that a deputy had used his gun should have been immediately reported to me."

"I was informed by authorities at Raleigh that a negress had been killed. I began an investigation and from prisoners taken in the craps game and from other sources obtained information that led to Penchbeck's arrest."

"Penchbeck at first denied the shooting or that there had been any shooting. When I confronted him with the other deputies, though, he admitted that he fired one shot."

An inquest will be held this morning and Sheriff Knight has requested Lieut. Paul Waggener, police Bertillon expert to diagram the scene of the shooting and to prepare photographs for evidence. Penchbeck, according to the sheriff will be vigorously prosecuted.

"It is inexcusable," said Sheriff Knight in commenting on the slaying. "Following custom I have been appointing the men the squires have asked to be appointed as their deputies. I am constantly warning my deputies not to use their pistols only when their own life is in danger, to prevent the actual commission of a felony within their sight or to prevent the escape of a felon."

"This woman had committed no offense. She was riding peacefully to her home. I have evidence to show that Penchbeck deliberately and without cause fired into that car. I shall take 17 witnesses, some of them eye witnesses to the shooting, before the grand jury, and will ask for Penchbeck's indictment."

Penchbeck was placed under arrest at Squire Finley's office. For failing to report the shooting to him, the sheriff dismissed the three other deputies.

More killings have been going on in Arkansas and Tennessee during the last month than the usual dog day quota. The murder of Major McLeary was one of the most unique and horrible of these transatlantic.

The Commercial Appeal this week carried the story of a lot of kinfolks in East Tennessee killing each other.

El Dorado gives an affray. Killings abound in northeastern Arkansas. Down at Dermott a lawyer shot a judge.

In Missouri a family fell out as to whether the family should celebrate the Fourth. The row lasted for two weeks, then they proceeded to shoot each other up.

This is a rotten record. Maybe it is the hot weather.

In the territory covered by these killings we have a very fine Anglo-Saxon stock, if we do say it ourselves, but if our Anglo-Saxons do not stop shooting each other to death the stock is going to die out.

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White Man Convicted for Killing Negro

CAMDEN, S. C., March 17
—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Guilty of manslaughter, with recommendation for mercy, was the verdict returned this week in the case of Walter McFarland, white, who was charged with the murder of William Harris, owner of a filling station on the outskirts of a city. Reynolds' attorney contended that he shot Harris while the two of them were scuffling for the possession of a pistol. The white man was under suspended sentence at the time of the shooting. He was given ten years. Reynolds is the first white man convicted here for killing a colored man in 30 years.

WHITE MAN HELD IN NEGRO'S DEATH

Henry Burns in Darlington
County Jail.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Walter McFarland Assaulted With
Shotgun Near Society Hill
First of March.

Special to The State.
Darlington, April 10.—Henry Burns, white man, is in jail here charged with the murder of Walter McFarland, negro, who was shot from ambush near Society Hill, Darlington county, March 1.

According to testimony at the coroner's inquest in the form of affidavits submitted by witnesses, the negro was found wounded by a shotgun, and a man, identified by the witnesses as Burns, was seen running from the scene, witnesses saying they had heard shots and that McFarland told them Burns had shot him.

McFarland was taken to his home and later to a hospital in Florence, where he died.

At the time of the shooting, Magistrate James D. Hardin, acting coroner, started an inquest but found that witnesses, who were negroes, would not talk. Magistrate Hardin asked for detectives from the sheriff's office and W. W. Rogers went to the scene and

worked up the case, arresting Burns. The evidence was then presented to the coroner's jury, which returned a verdict holding Burns responsible for the murder of McFarland.

Two negroes, Earl Pickens and Fred Squires, who were the first to reach the wounded man, made statements to the effect that they heard the report of a shotgun and saw a man running from the spot where McFarland was found. Squires said McFarland told him Burns had shot him. The men testified the running man was Burns. The widow of Walter McFarland gave affidavit that her husband had told her Burns had shot him and that Burns had informed her of his intention to kill the negro.

MARLBORO NEGRO KILLS POLICEMAN

Posse Seeks Slayer of Bur-
dine Hatcher.

SHOT AT DAYBREAK

Man Fires Through Door of
House Upon Officers Looking
for Liquor.

Special to The State.
Bennettsville, May 17.—A posse of between 100 and 200 men armed with shotguns, rifles and pistols and with four bloodhounds have been searching the woods and swamp in the Brownsville section, lower Marlboro county, all day today for Tom Dupre, negro, who this morning about daybreak fired upon Rural Policemen J. H. Daugherty and Burdine H. Hatcher, inflicting wounds upon Mr. Hatcher, from which he died at 10:30 o'clock.

The officers had gone to the negro's house with a search warrant looking for contraband liquor. According to Mr. Daugherty, chief of the rural policemen, he had stepped upon the porch and knocked on the door. Dupre cracked the door open and when the officers told him what they had come for he seized his rifle, a 32-20 caliber, and began firing. One shot grazed the flesh of Mr. Daugherty's right arm and one took effect in the lower abdomen of Mr. Hatcher.

Mr. Hatcher was rushed to the Bennettsville hospital, but he was in such low condition that no operation was performed. He died a short time after. The officer leaves a wife and seven small children, the eldest 14 years old and the youngest seven.

Dupre was driven to the river swamp by two negroes in his Ford sedan. The two have been apprehended and are in the county jail here and the search for Dupre tonight is being continued. He is described as being black, medium height, of chunky build and with one gold tooth in front.

DEATH FOR NEGRO IN SELF DEFENSE

Bert Clinton Kills Bud Latta in
Exchange of Shots Near
York.

Special to The State.
York, April 27.—Bud Latta, negro, 40 years old, was shot and killed by Bert Clinton, white, 43 years old, two miles south of York on the Chester road, at 7 o'clock yesterday evening as the result of an old feud that culminated in a gun fight. At the inquest conducted in the court house this morning by Coroner Paul G. McCorkle, the jury returned a verdict stating that Clinton killed Latta in self-defense.

According to the evidence given at the inquest, Latta was walking along the road when Clinton, who was in a wagon with Jim Clinton, a relative, and Walter Benfield, a friend, came up. Without any exchange of words, Latta drew an automatic pistol and Clinton, a shotgun, and fired on each other almost simultaneously. Latta's bullet missed, but Clinton's load of shot took effect in the right armpit, causing death within a few minutes from hemorrhage. The two combatants were only about 15 feet apart when they exchanged shots.

After the killing Clinton went to the home of a relative in the Bethesda section, two miles from his home, where he was arrested last night by Sheriff Quinn and lodged in jail. He is a widower and has three children.

Trouble has existed between Clinton and Latta for a long time, it is said. Hearing that Latta was carrying a pistol for use against Clinton, friends of the latter have several times had the negro searched for carrying concealed weapons, but none was found on him. Saturday afternoon, only a few hours before the tragedy, Latta tried to swear out a warrant for Clinton, alleging that the latter had just met him on the street and cursed him but said he had no witnesses to prove this. When he lodged this complaint at police headquarters, Chief of Police J. F. Faulkner searched him for weapons but found none.

WHITE MAN SHOOTS NEGRO AT EDGEFIELD

William Adair Fires in Reply to
Shots—Negro Found Dead
in Cotton Patch.

Special to The State.
Edgefield, Aug. 12.—Early Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, William Adair, white, shot and killed George Dugas, a Negro. Adair occupies a room adjoining his shop on Norris street, one block from the public square of the town. About 3 o'clock Adair went to his room from the public square where he had just been talking with the night policeman, and as he approached the building he saw a man standing near the door and he hailed him, throwing his flashlight in his face. Without replying the man fired upon him, the ball passing through his left forearm, knocking the

light from his hand. Adair fired in return three times as the man passed around the building, not knowing at the time whether either of the shots took effect. One one heard groans in a nearby cotton patch later in the night and the Negro was found dead. Near his body was a pistol, two chambers of which had been fired.

Coroner J. R. Scurry held an inquest Sunday morning and the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that Dugas came to his death at the hands of William Adair but that it was a case of justifiable homicide.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Democrat

Mob Violence Not Expected In Alcolu

Alcolu, July 21.—No mob violence is expected in Alcolu and Manning as a result of the killing late Friday of David W. Hudnall, an employee of D. W. Alderman and Sons company, by a negro named Gamble as was feared Sunday night.

Hudnall's slaying occurred about 4:30 o'clock when Gamble and Hudnall were pulling a buggy in the planing mill of the D. W. Alderman and Sons company, where both were employed. Reports are that while they were moving the buggy, Gamble pushing and Hudnall helping him by pulling, the cart stopped and Gamble slipped behind the white man and struck him with a 1 by 5 ten foot timber, crushing his skull. The negro ran, it is said, but did not make a getaway as he was checked by other laborers at the mill.

Allegations are that one hour and a half earlier in the afternoon Hudnall and the negro got into a heated argument, fought and were parted. No more antagonism was expected until the fatal attack. Hudnall was rushed to the Tuoney hospital in Sumter immediately but died shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The negro, the alleged murderer, was placed in the county jail by sheriff Gamble Friday night. Mob violence was feared last night and yesterday. W. D. Hudnall had been living in this community only a short while. He was a young man and is survived by his widow, a seven year old son and his father, John I. Hudnall of Greeleyville. Funeral services were held in Greeleyville.

JOHN LEAK, NEGRO, FOUND IN LAURENS

Man Wanted on Murder Charge
in Lexington, N. C., Arrested,
Accused by Kenneth Hale.

Special to The State.
Laurens, Aug. 16.—John Leak, Negro wanted in Lexington, N. C., in connection with the killing of Charles Garwood, town driver, near Lexington Thursday night, August 7, was arrested yesterday at Cross Hill, Laurens county, by Deputy Sheriff Hicks F. Owings and Special Deputy L. F. Nabers of Laurens. Leak was at Cross Hill staying at the home of his brother, the officers say, and was working on the plantation of Carroll D. Nance. The fugitive arrived in Cross Hill last Friday night.

Leak was carried back to North Carolina today by Deputy Sheriff I. L. Blacklock of Lexington, who with his kinsman, a Mr. Hancock of Charlotte, arrived in Laurens early today, following the trail of Leak, who, they told the officers, was at Cross Hill, according to information.

Accompanied by Deputies Owings and Nabers and James R. Page, city policeman of Laurens, the officers proceeded at once to Cross Hill. Before driving into town, the party divided, the North Carolinians, with Policeman Page, stopping near the farm of Mr. Nance, while the Laurens officers proceeded to the business part of town. Soon after arriving in town, Mr. Nance was seen and asked about the suspect. Mr. Nance said such a Negro had been around for a few days and at that moment he turned and pointed Leak out to the officers, for the Negro was then on the street. Without delay Deputy Owings, accompanied by Nabers, left their car and placed Leak under arrest. The Negro was not armed. One of the marks of identification was the absence of a finger of the left hand.

Returning to the other officers with the prisoner, Leak was at once identified. Leak stoutly denies any connection with the killing. He admits being in Lexington at the time, the officers say.

It is understood that a reward of \$800 will be paid the captors of Leak.

Killings—1924-

Texas.

DRY AGENT KILLED AND NEGRO HELD

Accused Surrenders, Saying
Beaumont Man Told
Him to Shoot.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 12.—W. P. Shepherd, federal prohibition agent of this city, was shot and killed at Sabine early today while in an encounter with Rayfield Rankin, a negro. Rankin is being held pending charges which may be preferred against him later.

According to Rankin, Shepherd, who has been active in prohibition raids in Jefferson county during the last few months, being an aide to the regular government forces, went to his place at Sabine and snapped a pistol several times at him; then Shepherd, upon finding his gun was empty, inserted one cartridge and, handing the weapon to Rankin, demanded that he shoot at him. When Rankin demurred, according to the narrative, Shepherd attempted to again get possession of the gun and a struggle ensued during which the officer is said to have dared Rankin to shoot him.

It was during the encounter that the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering Shepherd's abdomen. Shepherd died later at a hospital. Rankin gave himself up with his explanation of the encounter. An investigation is said to have borne out his statement but the negro was taken into custody for investigation pending further inquiry.